

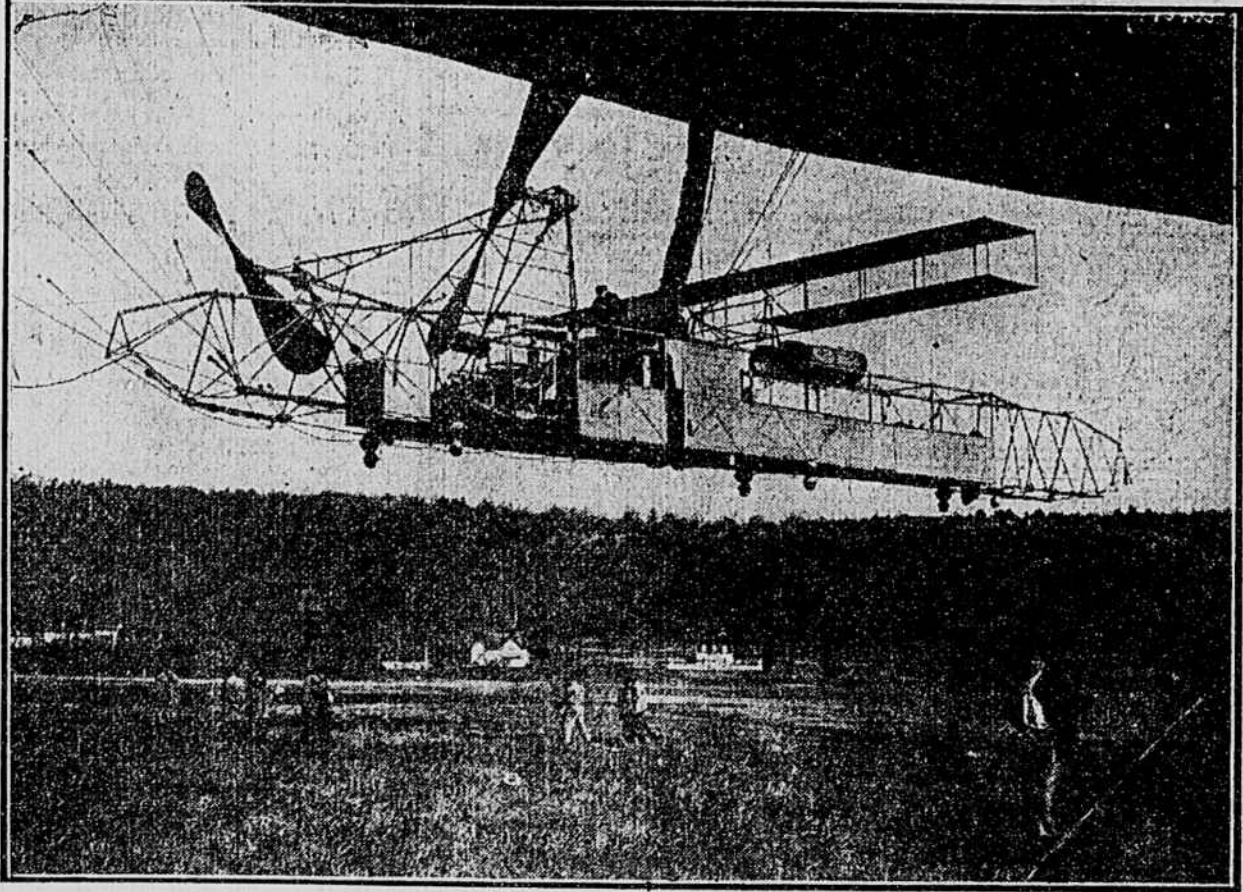
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Germany Declares War on Russia, Plunging Europe Into Conflict



War Lord of Germany.



Russian Sky Spies Watch Austria's Movements.



German Engineers Mining a Bridge.

RATE DECISION IS HEAVY BLOW FOR RAILROADS

Only Small Proportion of Lines Are Granted 5 Per Cent Increase.

OPINION IS HANDED DOWN BY DIVIDED COMMISSION

Higher Rates Apply in Territory Between Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

"CRISIS" WITHOUT FOUNDATION

Roads Are Told What They Need Is Reorganization on Sound Basis.

Washington, August 1.—In a divided opinion today, the Interstate Commerce Commission granted some of the 5 per cent freight rate increases asked by the Eastern railroads and denied others.

DANIELS AND MCCORD DISSENT FROM MAJORITY

Commissioners Daniels and McCord dissented from the majority opinion. Mr. Daniels held that a 5 per cent increase should have been granted—that the railroads were entitled to it, to meet the high cost of living. Mr. McCord held that the reasons which the majority held to warrant an increase were of Pittsburgh applied equally to the territory east.

ADVANCES ALLOWED MEAN ABOUT 1-2 PER CENT INCREASE

Such advances as are allowed are expected to increase the income of the railroads about 1-2 per cent. Such principal east and west roads as the New York Central, Pennsylvania, Erie, and Baltimore and Ohio, will benefit by the public demand for increased service.

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HIDES BLOODY CLOTHES THAT BELONGED TO HALL

Negro Driver for Defendant Tells How He Disposed of Garments of Murdered Merchant.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROBERTS

Man for Whom Mrs. Hall Said She Was Suspected of Slaying Husband Is Brought Prominently Into Case. Faces Grueling Examination.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Louis, Va., August 1.—Under the spotlight of a searching examination by Commonwealth's Attorney W. C. Bibb, Charles Chisholm, colored, a former driver for Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hall, on trial for the alleged murder of her husband, testified this morning that on the afternoon following the murder he buried bloody underclothes belonging to the slain man, and that he did so on the order of W. J. Roberts, for whose sake, it has been put in the court record, the accused woman said she was suspected of murdering.

PROSECUTION WINS MANY ADVANTAGES

It was a day for the prosecution. Having gained the advantage of introducing into the record all evidence connected with the fire in Mrs. Hall's parlor on May 14, the day of her arrest, which was on Thursday, and the second on the following Monday. If ever Mrs. Hall takes the witness stand, it will be asked of her why those clothes were so carefully hidden away, and why she was a witness in the trial, will also be subjected to the same grueling.

BECKY DARK SHADOW ON HOPES OF DEFENSE

For an hour and fifteen minutes the dark figure of Becky loomed as a large shadow across the hopes of the defense. There were many things she did not know, and often she seemed puzzled as to how to answer when questions fell about her like shells in a fort invested. Finally, when the strain upon her mental faculties was too great, she would seek refuge in that answer which is the badge of cross-examiners—"I don't know." And when Becky didn't know, she meant it. The one thing of which she was eternally and absolutely sure was that those half-incinerated rags had once been her chief delight and

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EUROPE'S WAR SHADOW COVERS WASHINGTON

Wilson and Heads of Departments Keeping in Close Touch With Situation on Continent.

DIPLOMATS ABROAD ARE BUSY

If Opportunity Presents Itself, United States Will Offer Its Services in Effort to Restore Peace—Preparing for Emergencies.

Washington, August 1.—War developments in Europe overshadowed all else to-day and to-night in official Washington. Steps to prevent a financial stringency in this country as a result of Europe's sudden need for gold were followed by a series of precautionary measures designed to protect Americans and their interests abroad and at home.

AMEMBASSADORS ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF PEACE

Ambassadors Page, at London; Pennington, at Berlin; Herrick, at Paris; and Gerard, at Vienna, were particularly active during the day conferring with officials of the various foreign offices. They are at work in the interest of peace, thus far acting on their own initiative. In dispatches to the State Department they made various suggestions, but until the situation develops further no decisive step in diplomacy will be taken by the United States.

EVERYWHERE ADMITTED GRAVITY OF SITUATION

The gravity of the situation was admitted in all the telegrams. News that Germany had declared war on Russia came unofficially while President Wilson and Secretary Bryan were in conference. Later Mr. Bryan hurried to the State Department, and sent several long cables abroad.

M'REYNOLDS SLATED

Believed He Will Be Named for Supreme Court Vacancy.
Washington, August 1.—Senate leaders expect to see Attorney-General McReynolds nominated for the Supreme Court vacancy on Monday. At the White House the only statement available was that he was foremost in President Wilson's consideration.

POPULAR MOUNTAIN EXCURSION

Southern Railway, August 1.—To Asheville and Western North Carolina; 15-day limit, \$9 round trip. Inquire 97 E. Main, Md. 272

FINANCIAL INTERESTS MOVE TO AVERT PANIC

Extraordinary Action Is Taken to Save This Country Unsettled as Result of European Crisis.

CONFERENCE WITH WILSON TO-DAY

Unparalleled Proposal Made That Credit of \$100,000,000 Be Advanced to England—Markets Demoralized, and Grave Peril Ahead.

New York, August 1.—Extraordinary action was taken by the leading financial interests of America to-day to avert financial unsettlement in this country as a result of the European war. Relief measures are under way which bankers believe will preserve the public confidence. This is the situation.

DAY OF STRENGTH FOR BANKERS

It was a day of strenuous activity, not unmarked with anxiety, for New York bankers. The European crisis demoralized the financial markets of the world a week ago, and the intricacies of modern finance are such that upon America, isolated from the perils of war, fell a full share of the burden.

EMBASSY VERITABLE HOUSE OF REFUGE

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Berlin, August 1.—The American embassy to-night is a veritable house of refuge for a number of semitransient Americans, who, penniless, although in possession of checks, letters of credit and foreign bank notes which cannot be negotiated, would have been forced to spend the night in the streets had not the embassy opened its doors to them.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR EMERGENCY CURRENCY

Early to-day there was a conference of some of the leading New York bankers. Later there was a meeting of the New York Currency Association, which was held in the City of New York, an organization provided by the Aldrich-Vreeland law. At this meeting all arrangements were completed for issuance of emergency currency next week.

WILSON AND BRYAN CONFER

Government Is Prepared to Ship Gold if Necessary to Supply Those in Want Because of War—Serious Problem Admitted.

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The President and Secretary of State conferred to-night on getting money to citizens abroad.

PLANNING TO RELIEVE AMERICANS ABROAD

Army and Navy Transports May Be Sent to Bring Home Stranded Nationals.

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NATIONS OF EUROPE NEAR GENERAL CLASH

Events on Continent Move With Startling Swiftess, and All Hope of Peace Has Fled.

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